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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: MISHANDLED AIR POUCHES

FOR A/SY/FO; OC/P

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1. AS REFLECTED REFTTEL, POST HAS EXPERIENCED RECURRING PROBLEMS WITH PAN AM OFF LOADING IN NEW YORK UNCLASSIFIED POUCHES FROM DEPARTMENT CONTAINING OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL MAIL FOR AMERICAN EMBASSY MOSCOW PERSONNEL.

2. IN APPARENT RESPONSE TO EMBASSY COMPLAINTS PAN AM SHIPPED NINE UNCLASSIFIED POUCHES TO FRANKFURT WHERE POUCHES WERE TRANSFERRED TO AEROFLOT FLT 256 FOR SHIPMENT TO MOSCOW. POUCHES EVIDENTLY ARRIVED IN MOSCOW ON JAN 7, AND WERE PLACED IN SOVIET CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE OVERNIGHT. EMBASSY NOTIFIED OF ARRIVAL POUCHES ON JAN 8 AND THEY WERE PICKED UP BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL THAT DAY.

3. PRIMARY REASON FOR SENDING UNCLASSIFIED POUCHES VIA PAN AM ON NYC TO MOSCOW DIRECT WEEKLY FLIGHT IS TO AVOID SOVIET HANDLING AND STORAGE OF POUCHES. REQUEST SY/FO ENSURE PAN AM AND POUCH EXPEDITER AT JFK ARE AWARE OUR CONCERNS TO AVOID FUTURE USE SOVIET AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT POUCHES DESTINED FOR AMEMBASSY MOSCOW.

4. AIRWAY BILLS UNDER WHICH POUCHES WERE SHIPPED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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